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SUBJECT: MTN DEL INITIAL INPUT FOR STANDARDS SUBGROUP

---- MEETING

REF: MTN GENEVA 7556

1. INFORMATION TRANSMITTED REFTEL APPRECIATED. THE FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON INITIAL INPUT REQUESTED BY MTN DEL.

2. WE AGREE THAT BILATERAL MEETING WITH CANADIANS ON DEFINITIONS WOULD BE USEFUL PRIOR TO THE SUBGROUP MEETING.

OTHER ISSUES, AS WELL AS DEFINITIONS, MIGHT ALSO BE DIS-

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CUSSED. ASSUMING MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AFTERNOON

OF NOVEMBER 8 (PLEASE CONFIRM), SUGGEST MORNING OF NOVEMBER 8 FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION.

3. WE NOTE THAT BERGHOLM PAPERS ON DEFINITIONS WERE DUE TO BECOME AVAILABLE ABOUT OCTOBER 10. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF BERGHOLM PAPERS COULD BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CANADIAN BILATERAL. IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR BOTH THE BILATERAL AND SUBGROUP MEETINGS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THESE PAPERS ASAP. IF A SIGNIFICANT DELAY IN THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE PAPERS IS EXPECTED, PLEASE TRANSMIT THEM BY TELEGRAM.

4. AS MTN DEL AWARE, WE HAVE LONG ADVOCATED OBSERVER STATUS FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ISO AND IEC. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CHIEF OF JOINT FAO-WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAM (CODEX ALIMENTARIUS), FAO'S INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EPIZOOTICS BE INVITED TO SEND OBSERVERS TO SUBGROUP MEETINGS. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE TEXT OF THE ISO COUNCIL REQUEST TO ISO SECRETARIAT FOR AN ANALYSIS OF THE DRAFT STANDARDS CODE.

5. IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO US THAT THERE IS A DESIRE IN THE SUBGROUP TO DISCUSS THE MARKS OF ORIGIN ISSUE AT THIS JUNCTURE. TWO PROPOSALS ON MARKS OF ORIGIN (BY JAPAN AND INDIA) ARE NOW ON THE TABLE. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION HERE OR IN REPORTING FROM GENEVA THAT EITHER INDIA OR JAPAN IS INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THE SUBGROUP SHOULD TAKE UP MARKS OF ORIGIN ON INITIATIVE OF SECRETARIAT. UNLESS JAPAN OR INDIA SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS THE SECRETARIAT TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA, WE SEE NO REASON TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE AT THE SUBGROUP'S NEXT MEETING. MTN DEL REQUESTED TO SO ADVISE SECRETARIAT PRIOR TO THE MEETING. REVERTING TO THE QUESTION OF DEFINITIONS MAY BE MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN A USELESS DISCUSSION OF MARKS OF ORIGIN AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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